

CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman: Mark Reitzel

Vice Chairman: Kenny Spooler

Secretary: Anthony Ohmes

Treasurer: Susan Jahn

Member: Gary Bock

District Manager: Paula Meier

District Technician: Denise Aufdenberg

Phone: (573) 243-1467, ext. 3

www.swcd.mo.gov/capegirardeau/index.htm



June 2013

James T. Hunt

NRCS District Conservationist

Monica Siler

NRCS Soil Conservationist

Scott Crumpecker

NRCS Soil Conservationist

Brad Pobst

Private Lands Conservationist

Missouri Department of Conservation

*Lend a Helping Hand to
Conservation of Land*

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

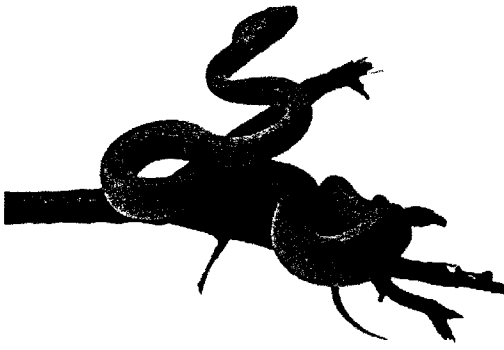
An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE REMINDER



If you are tilling your Highly Erodible (HEL) crop ground every year or even every two out of three years, you are most likely not in compliance with your crop rotation. This is especially true if wheat is not part of your rotation. HEL Compliance is required to be eligible for farm program benefits (payments) received from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) or the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Annual compliance status reviews are completed every year in June on randomly selected tracts throughout the county. Crop residues that are left in the field after the crops have been

harvested are important for many reasons. They are good sources of plant nutrient, they add organic material to the soil, and they reduce erosion. Therefore, the more crop residue left on the surface throughout the year, the better your chances of not losing soil to erosion.



Who cares – and why should they – about snakes and lizards?

Creepy. Slimy. Poisonous. Ugly. Only a few of the words that describe many people's negative feelings towards snakes, lizards, toads and other reptiles and amphibians.

They just have a tough time getting people to think of them in a positive light. Even their collective name – herps – comes from a Greek term meaning “creeping things”.

But they have their good points. While all snakes are predators, most are harmless. They're beneficial to humans because they prey on rodents. As a matter of fact, snakes are the world's most effective natural control on rodent population. Garter snakes eat insect garden pests, and one tiger salamander larvae can eat up to 300 mosquito larvae in an hour.

These animals called herps – frogs, lizards, toads, turtles, salamanders, and snakes – are part of the balance of nature you learned about in grade school. Their health is an indicator of the health of the environment.

Don't think of the lowly toad as an unwanted guest. If you invite a toad to dinner, it will eat the things you most want to get rid of – slugs and mosquitoes are among its favorite meals. Toads eat insects and invertebrates.

Lizards are probably the most familiar of all reptiles. There are over 3500 different types of lizards throughout the world, existing in all climates. Lizards are as diverse as their dwellings. They are often misunderstood and feared because of a lack of knowledge and exposure.

The truth is, lizards, like so many other reptiles and amphibians, are beneficial to humans.

In many countries, lizards are welcome houseguests, catching and eating many annoying insects. They walk the walls and ceilings and live their lives unharmed by understanding humans.

Some lizards could become non-existent because of a lack of understanding. Beaded lizards and Gila Monsters, the only two poisonous species, are docile creatures but often killed out of fear. They are unlikely to bite pets or people.

Many countries use the lizard in ceremonies. Some Indian tribes of North America used lizard tails in a recipe for love potions. They are also eaten and their skin used for leather.

Summer Covey Headquarter Calendar

June: Quail hatch begins and continues through September

Contact NRCS or MDC for burn plan assistance this month

Seed milo, millet, and forage sorghum food plots by June 30

Conduct breeding bird surveys this month

Mow newly planted native grass fields to a height of 6-8 inches to control weed competition

Spray actively growing Johnsongrass

July: Excessive June and July rains can shift peak quail hatching to August

Quail are nesting – stay off your mower!

Mow newly planted native grass fields to a height of 8-12 inches to control weed competition

August: Quail are nesting – stay off your mower!

Continue to treat sericea lespedeza through September

Hand collect plum and dogwood seed late this month and plant the seed to establish covey headquarters

Prepare firebreaks for fall prescribed burns

Hotel Accommodations

CROWN POINTE LODGE

Premier Golf and Wine Country Resort

4245 Hunt Rd.

Farmington, MO 63640

Ph: 866-381-4386

Fax: 573-701-9722

The Crown Pointe Lodge has been exclusively reserved for this event from Sunday evening, September 15 through checkout on September 18, 2013.



Various rooms will be available

Call early to get the best deal

Double queen beds \$84.00

Suites king bed and Jacuzzi tub \$109.00

Three handicap suites \$79.00

Directions to the lodge are Highway 67 to Fairground Rd./ Park Hills/Leadington exit, turn east to Flat River Road, make a right and continue for one mile to Hunt Road on the left.

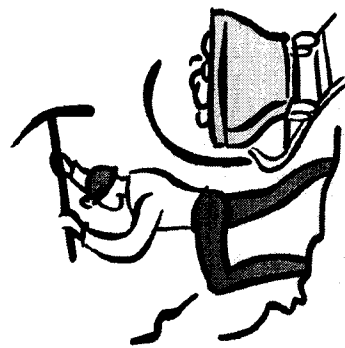
Crown Pointe has the following amenities:

- A Continental Breakfast
- A fitness center complete with a treadmill, elliptical machine and exercise bike
- An indoor swimming pool
- An indoor hot tub
- A lit outdoor tennis court
- A business center with two computers and internet connection
- A gift shop stocked with necessities you may have forgotten, as well as a selection of fine Crown Valley Winery products

19th Annual Conference

Missouri State

WOMEN IN AG



DOWN UNDER

In SE Missouri

Farmington Missouri

September 16-18, 2013

WOMEN IN AG



DOWN UNDER
In SE Missouri

Ste. Genevieve SWCD

711 Pointe Basse Dr.

Ste. Genevieve MO 63670

2013 Women in Ag Conference

Registration Form

\$70.00 Registration Fee

Name(s) _____

 Address _____

 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Conference registration includes:

Monday night banquet
 Tuesday Tour and Lunch and evening entertainment

Send Registration & Payment by August 16, 2013

Payable to Ste. Genevieve SWCD

711 Pointe Basse Dr.

Ste. Genevieve MO 63670

Shirt Orders

Polo shirts are \$20.00 each

Color: M for Maroon G for Court Green

Number	Color	Size
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Number of registrations _____ x \$70.00 _____

Number of shirts _____ x \$20.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

For carpooling information please
 contact your local SWCD office.

Tour Information

Tour—Tuesday 8:00—4:00

There will be three stops and a catered luncheon.

1st stop Bonne Terre Mine and Boat Tour

Alternating with first stop

2nd stop St. Joe Mining Museum

Lunch at The Old Depot catered by Thee Abbey

3rd stop Hacienda de Molinero

*Not all tours are handicap accessible, please contact us if you have any concerns. One bus with wheelchair accessibility will be provided.



Polo Shirt Pre-Sale

Women in Ag Shirt Order with conference logo

Colors available are maroon and court green.

Sizes are available from small to 6X.



Maroon



Court Green

Have questions or concerns?

Call Sue Denninger at 573-883-3566 ext 3 or

Rachel Griffin at 573-996-7116 ext 3

Conference Schedule

Monday, September 16, 2013

10:00-12:00 Registration
 10:00-3:00 Vendors
 1:00 -1:30 Opening Session
 1:30-4:30 Workshops
 6:30-9:30 Banquet with special guest "Susie O"
 12:00-5:00 Silent Auction

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

6:00-7:30 Free Continental Breakfast
 7:30 Load buses

Buses leave at 8 AM sharp

8:00-4:00 Ag Tours and luncheon
 4:00 Dine out on your own for evening meal.
 4:30-6:30 Hospitality room will be available.
 7:00 Entertainment with GTO (Good Time Oldies)
 4:30-6:30 Silent Auction

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

6:00-9:00 Free Continental Breakfast
 Check out no later than 11:30 am
 9:00-11:00 Closing ceremony



Helping People Help the Land

An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

Annual Cape County Soil & Water Conservation District Essay Contest

REQUISITES:

- Applicants must be a graduate of a Cape Girardeau County High School and a Cape Girardeau County Resident at the time of graduation.
- Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 hours of college level course work toward an undergraduate degree.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a four year degree program that falls into one of the following subject matter categories: Agriculture, Agriculture Business, Natural Resources, etc.
- Applicants must have a GPA of at least 2.5

Applications can be picked up at the office at 480 West Jackson Trail, Jackson MO.

Applications for the \$500 essay contest are due Friday July 12, 2013. Please contact the office at (573) 243-1467 ext. 3 if you have any questions.

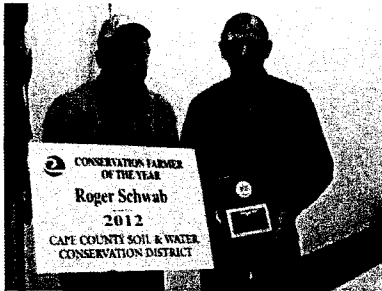


2012 AWARDS GIVEN AT MARCH OPEN HOUSE

The Cape Girardeau County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank everyone that attended and helped to make our Open House on March 20th a success! During

the Open House awards were given for Conservation Farmer of the Year and Wildlife Conservationist of the Year.

Accepting the award for Conservation Farmer of the Year (photo on left) was Roger Schwab presented by Board Chairman, Mark Reitzel. Accepting the award for Wildlife Conservationist (photo on right) was Ken Evans, presented by Board Vice-Chairman,



Kenny Spooler. Our guest speaker for the day was Anthony Ohmes, Agronomist with University of Missouri Extension.

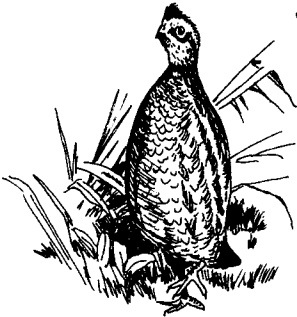
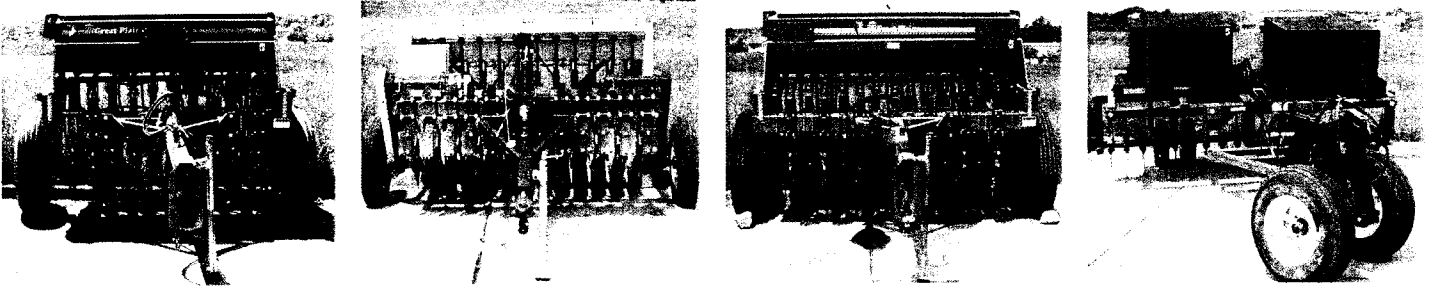


FARM DAY 2013

On April 24th we were fortunate enough to speak to local third graders about soil conservation and streambank erosion. We participated in Farm Day 2013, along with over 800 3rd graders, parents, and teachers at Flickerwood Arena, sponsored by the SEMO Cattleman's Association. Students traveled from one station to another to listen, answer question, and participate in activities about forestry, pork, beef, poultry, corn, dairy, conservation, bees, soybeans, agri-tourism, and received a snack made from some of the products listed above. At the conservation stop, we demonstrated with stream tables the effect that running water can have on soil and why it is so important to conserve soil. Farm day has been very educational for many children the past 18 years, and we look forward to helping continue this benefit by participating in Farm Day 2014.

FOR RENT NO TILL DRILLS & PASTURE RENOVATOR

The SWCD would like to remind everyone the District has a 10' Great Plains Drill and a 7' Great Plains Drill for rent along with a 8' Truax Drill (warm season grasses). The District also has a Rhino Pasture Renovator also available for rent. The 10' drill rents for \$9/AC, the 7' drill rents for \$8/AC, the 8' drill rents for \$10/AC, and the renovator rents for \$6/AC. If you would like to schedule either the drills or the renovator, please call 573-243-1467 ext 3.



WILDLIFE WAYS DID YOU KNOW.....

The defensive skin secretions of toads do not cause warts. In fact toads are completely harmless to human skin - but a predator that gets a mouthful can become extremely ill. Toad eggs and larvae are poisonous.

Cape Girardeau
Soil and Water Conservation District
480 W. Jackson Trail • Jackson, MO 63755
Return Service Requested

Non Profit Rate
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Jackson, MO
63755
Permit No. 78